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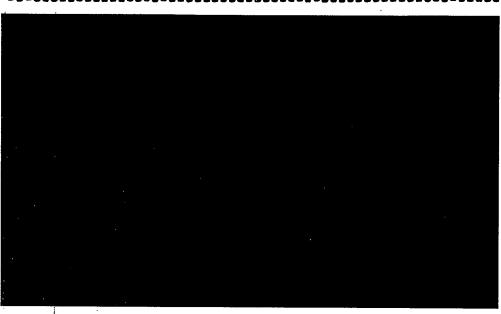
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3. CHILE:

//CHILE APPARENTLY WILL NOT CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE
THE LETELIER CASE EVEN THOUGH IT EXPECTS CONSIDERABLE
NEGATIVE US REACTION. THE CHILEAN SUPREME COURT FOUND
THAT NEITHER THE US EVIDENCE NOR ITS OWN INVESTIGATIONS
JUSTIFIED EXTRADITION OF THE ACCUSED, OR EVEN A LOCAL
TRIAL. FURTHER CIVILIAN COURT ACTION IS UNLIKELY. AN
18-MONTH-OLD INVESTIGATION BY A MILITARY COURT INVOLVING
FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS BY THE CHILEAN SECURITY AGENCY
CONTINUES. THIS COULD EXPAND TO INCLUDE HOMICIDE CHARGES,
SHOULD NEW EVIDENCE BE DEVELOPED. GIVEN THIS COURT'S
DESULTORY PAST PERFORMANCE, HOWEVER, VIGOROUS ACTION SEEMS
UNLIKELY.//

//PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S REMARKS AFTER THE SUPREME COURT RULING SUGGEST NO PLANS TO HAVE ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY TAKE FURTHER ACTION. HE DEPICTED THE CASE AS SUBSTANTIVELY LACKING AND SAID EXTRADITION HAD BEEN DENIED BECAUSE THE ACCUSED WERE NOT FOUND GUILTY." PINOCHET



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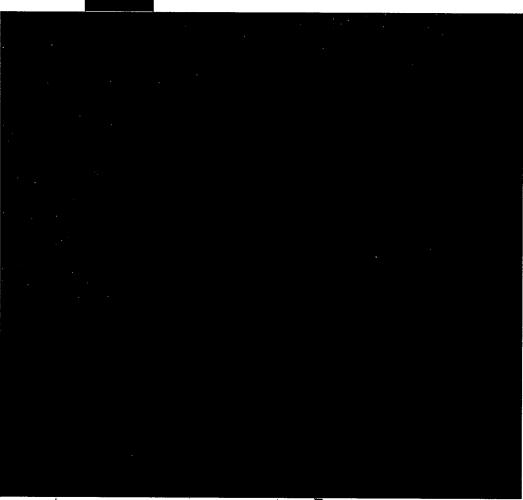
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BELIEVES US LEVERAGE HAS DECLINED WITH THE DECREASE IN US AID. MOREOVER, HIS GOVERNMENT'S POPULARITY AND DOMESTIC APATHY ABOUT THE CASE ENCOURAGE HIM TO BELIEVE THAT HE CAN MANAGE ANY US REACTION.

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